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SUBJ: SENGHOR ON RECENT MEETINGS

1. SUMMARY. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME SEPT 19, PRESIDENT SENGHOR REVIEWED NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, EXPRESSED VIEWS ON OUAGADOUGOU INTERSTATE CHIEFS OF STATE DROUGHT MEETING, DEFENDED HIS POSITION ON SOUTH EAST ASIA ISSUES, AND DISCUSSED SENEGALESE DEVELOPMENT. WHILE LITTLE NEW EMERGED, EITHER AS HARD NEWS ON THE MEETINGS OR INSIGHTS INTO SENGHOR'S PHILOSOPHY, SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR TALK LAY IN HIS DESIRE TO ASSURE US THAT IT WAS NOT HIS INTENTION TO ATTACK UNITED STATES OR HOLD US TO BLAME FOR MAJORITY THIRD WORLD PROBLEMS. TO
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CONTRARY, HE WANTED TO AFFIRM THAT HE APPRECIATED US

CURRENT INITIATIVES WORLD AFFAIRS AND LONG HISTORY
ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MOST RECENTLY
DRAMITIZED BY MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE TO SAHELIAN DROUGHT.

2. ALGIERS NAC. PRESIDENT SENGHOR INVITED ME IN ON
SEPT 19 TO EXPOUND HIS VIEWS ON RECENT MEETINGS FROM
WHICH HE HAD JUST RETURNED AND TO EXPLAIN HIS POSITION
ON NUMBER OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ISSUES. HE STARTED
WITH NAC. DESPITE REPORTING BY SOME ELEMENTS OF FRENCH
PRESS, SENGHOR ASSERTED, ALTIERS CONFERENCE WAS A
SUCCESS. THIS WAS DUE IN NO SMALL PART TO CAREFUL
ORGANIZATION AND ADROIT MANAGEMENT BY BOUMEDIENNE AND
ALGERIANS. HE BELIEVES THAT ALGERIANS SHARE HIS VIEWS
OF THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD AND THAT THEY WORKED TOGETHER
ON MANY ISSUES. IN SOME CASES THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL,
IN OTHERS NOT, BUT HE FEELS THAT CONFERENCE GAVE NEW
OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO REASSESS THEIR RESPECTIVE
ROLES. HE SAID HE TRIED PARTICULARLY HARD TO PREVENT
DIRECT CRITICISM OF SPECIFIC POWERS (AS FAR AS HE WAS
CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY USA), OR FOR THAT MATTER EXCESSIVE
COMMENDATION OF ANY ONE SUPERPOWER. HE FELT THAT
CASTRO, IN LAUDING USSR, THREATENED WHOLE CONCEPT OF
NON-ALIGNMENT. WHAT SENGHOR DOES ACCEPT AS REALITY OF
TODAY IS THAT WORLD IS DIVIDED BETWEEN RICH AND POOR,
AND THAT POOR NATIONS MUST USE COMBINED INFLUENCE TO
IMPROVE OWN POTENTIAL AND ELIGIBILITY FOR SHARING
GREATER PORTION WORLD'S RICHES. HE BELIEVES EACH
COUNTRY MUST DECIDE ITS OWN POSITION IN FOREIGN RELATIONS
BASED ON ITS OWN PHILOSOPHY AND IDEOLOGY. AT SAME TIME
EACH MUST BE ALLOWED TO WORK OUT OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS
WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. THANKS AT TIMES TO CASTRO'S
EXCESSIVE ZEAL, RUSSIA FARED RATHER POORLY IN VIEW OF
CONFEREES; PRC ON OTHER HAND CAME OUT WINNERS PARTLY BY
DEFAULT BUT ALSO PARTLY BECAUSE OF CHINESE RESTRAINT AS
COMPARED TO RUSSIAN ARM TWISTING. IN FACT, SENGHOR'S
OWN EXPERIENCE WITH USSR AND THAT OF MANY AFRICAN LEADERS
HAS GROWN MORE AND MORE FRUSTRATING, RESULTING AMONG OTHER
THINGS IN HIS CANCELLING TRIP TO MOSCOW. SOVIET
DUPLICITY ILLUSTRATED BY PROTESTATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR
AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND TOTAL FAILURE TO ACTUALLY HELP IN
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CURRENT DROUGHT EMERGENCY. SENGHOR SIAD HE CONVOKED
OCAM CHIEFS OF STATE AT ALGIERS TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR HIS
VIEW OF TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT WHEN CONFERENCE VEERED OFF
TRACK IN CONTROVERSY OVER IMPERIALISM, SUPERPOWERS,
ISRAELI ISSUE AND CERTAIN RADICAL CAUSES. PRESIDENT
SAID HOUPHOUET WAS LESS THAN HELPFUL TO CAUSE OF
MODERATION BY HIS ALOOFNESS.

3. OUAGADOUGOU DROUGHT CONFERENCE. PRESIDENT BELIEVES THAT CONFERENCE IDENTIFIED BASIC PROBLEMS OF AREA, DEVELOPED REASONABLE COURSES OF ACTION LEADING TOWARD THEIR AMELIORATION AND PROVIDED POTENTIAL DONORS WITH USEFUL GUIDELINES FOR CHANNELING MIDDLE AND LONG-RANGE ASSISTANCE. HE HOPED THAT MUCH COULD BE CHanneled THROUGH OMVS. HE IS CONVINCED THAT CHARPAND NIGER FACE THE GLOOMIEST FUTURE. SENGHOR WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH ASSESSMENT OF TOTAL US ASSISTANCE TO DATE AND POTENTIAL WHICH DROUGHT COORDINATOR WILLIAMS IMPLIED US MAY BE

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ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE FOR FUTURE. MOST EXCITING AND ENCOURAGING, PRESIDENT SAID, IS CAPABILITY US OFFERS THROUGH OUR TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE TO REVERSE ENCROACHMENT OF SAHARA ON BORDER AREAS. HE CITED IN

PARTICULAR AMERICAN CLOUD SEEDING TECHNIQUES AND UTILIZATION OF SKYLAB AND SATELLITE OBSERVATIONS. PRESIDENT REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CURRENT EMERGENCY FOOD SHIPMENTS, GRAIN STABILIZATION PROGRAM OF PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND OUR INTEREST IN FUTURE HELP. HE SAID HE COULD NOT RESIST REPEATEDLY POINTING OUT TO AFRICAN COLLEAGUES THAT US WAS FURNISHING GREATEST PROPORTION OF ALL PRESENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN AREA, 30,000 TONS IN SENEGAL AND THE RUSSIANS GAVE ABSOLUTELY ZERO.

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4. SOUTH EAST ASIA. PRESIDENT SAID HE HOPED THAT US WOULD SOMEDAY UNDERSTAND REASONS FOR HIS SUPPORT OF SIHANOUK. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THAT PRINCE CAN PLAY KEY ROLE IN ULTIMATE COMPROMISE OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION. ASSERTED HE WAS NOT UNDER CONTROL OF CHINESE, RUSSIANS OR NORTH VIETNAMESE, AND OFFERED POTENTIAL AS EVENTUAL MEDIATOR. SENGHOR HIMSELF, SUPPORTING SIHANOUK, HOPES THAT HE CAN PLAY USEFUL ROLE AS BRIDGE OR DOOR TO HELP VARIOUS ELEMENTS REACH DETENTE. ONLY THROUGH DIALOGUE WITH ALL PARTIES, HE BELIEVES, CAN POLARIZED SITUATION BE MODERATED. BEARING IN MIND STATE 177661, WHICH SUGGESTED NEW YORK AS PROPER VENUE FOR REPRESENTATIONS, I DID NOT LEAN ON SENGHOR TOO HARD, BUT I DID TAKE OCCASION TO DISCUSS JUSTICE OF KHMER CAUSE AND POINTS IN THEIR FAVOR. I DOUBT I HAD MUCH IMPACT. PRESIDENT THEN WENT ON TO DISCUSS JUST COMPLETED VISIT TO DAKAR OF VIETNAMESE PRG LEADER (DAKAR 4193), REITERATING HIS THESIS OF DIALOGUE, BRIDGES, ETC. I TOLD SENGHOR I DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANT WHEN HE REFERRED TO THO AND BINH AS "AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVES OF POPULATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM," WHILE AT SAME TIME ADMITTING WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE TWO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS, DESPITE FACT THAT GVN HAS WITHDRAWN REPRESENTATIVE. PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT PRG DOES REPRESENT A PORTION OF PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. UN, US AND OTHER COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE SEPARATE REGIMES REPRESENTING DIFFERENT PORTIONS OF PEOPLE WITH ETHNICALLY AND HISTORICALLY COMMON BACKGROUNDS. HOWEVER, IT IS FOR THESE ENTITIES TO RECONCILE OWN DIFFERENCES IN MEANTIME OUTSIDERS SHOULD NOT PASS JUDGEMENTS AND SHOULD LEND THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSISTING RECONCILIATION. SENGHOR STARTED TO DISCUSS KOREAN ISSUE IN UPCOMING UNGA, AND AS I WAS ABOUT TO MAKE POINT OR TWO, HE WAS DIVERTED BY PHONE CALL AND THEN TURNED TO OTHER SUBJECTS.

5. SENEGALESE DEVELOPMENT. OBSERVING THAT STATEMENTS OF POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY ARE OFTEN MISINTERPRETED, SENGHOR SAID HE HAD RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM,

PARTICULARLY IN FRENCH CIRCLES, FOR HIS RECENT SPEECH ON "NATIONALIZATION" (DAKAR A-67 AUG 10). HE SAID THAT HE WAS REALLY TALKING ABOUT SENEGALIZATION, WHICH INVOLVED A CONFIDENTIAL

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GREATER PARTICIPATION BY SENEGALESE LABOR IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AND LOCAL CAPITAL PARTICIPATION IN "MIXED" ENTERPRISES. HE CITED BUD AS GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT HE HAD IN MIND AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT BOEING PETIT COTE PROJECT AND OTHER AMERICAN PLANS OFFERED SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES. AGAIN EXPRESSING GREAT APPRECIATION FOR US AID, PRESIDENT SAID SENEGAL IS NOW COUNTING MORE ON AMERICAN INVESTMENT AS WAVE OF THE FUTURE. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO VISIT OF DAVID ROCKEFELLER ON OCT 7-8. HE IS DELIGHTED THAT HOUSE BANKING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE IS STOPPING IN DAKAR THIS WEEKEND AND SAID MOMENT HE RETURNED FROM ABROAD AND LEARNED OF VISIT HE INSISTED ON REARRANGING SCHEDULE SO THAT HE PERSONALLY COULD RECEIVE CONGRESSMEN. HE IS EQUALLY PLEASED WITH VISIT THIS WEEKEND OF EX-IM BANK DIRECTOR KOBELINSKI AND SAID GYE WANTED PRIME MINISTER TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION HE MAY REQUIRE ON PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO BANK. PRESIDENT CLOSED CONVERSATION ON NOTE OF HIGH OPTIMISM FOR FUTURE US-SENEGALESE COOPERATION.

6. SURPRISINGLY, SENGHOR MADE NO MENTION OF SEKOU TOURE'S PERSONAL ATTACK ON HIM, A SUBJECT HE HAS NOT HESITATED TO RAISE IN THE PAST WHEN THE GUINEAN LEADER WAS ON THE RAMPAGE.
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